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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hidetoshi KUSUMI

Group Art Unit: 2834

Application No.: 10/523,921

Examiner: T. LAM

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For: GENERATOR-MOTOR

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the February 3, 2006 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-14 are currently pending.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-8, 11 and 12. These claims are not written in independent form at this time because their base claim 1 is believed to be patentable as described below.

The Office Action rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,882,072 to Wingett et al. (Wingett). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Wingett was filed on June 13, 2003, which is after the filing date of Applicant's Japanese priority documents (Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-313009, filed October 28, 2002, and Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-061767, filed March 7, 2003). Accurate translations of the Japanese priority documents are attached hereto. Therefore, Wingett is disqualified as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). Therefore, Applicant respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

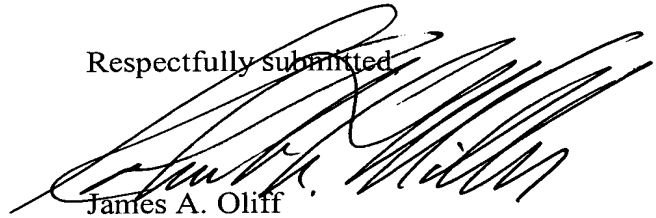
The Office Action rejects claims 9, 10, 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Wingett in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,538,356 to Jones. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The rejection is moot as Wingett is not prior art.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-14 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

Translation of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-313009

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